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1. The Career Council met to consider proposed career service legislation for CIA. It recommended that additional statutory authorities be secured in furthering the career service, as indicated in the minutes of the Career Council meeting of this date.

The Council's actions included recommending legislation to extend certain benefits in the field of allowances and the like to employees in territories and possessions as well as in foreign countries; payment of one round trip transportation to a dependent returning to the United States for secondary education and a second trip for a college education; a revision of the travel authorities for home leave, and the extension to the Agency of statutory home leave as presently applicable to the Foreign Service; the extension of certain medical benefits to members of an employee's family accompanying him overseas, and the application of certain medical benefits to temporary duty employees in addition to permanent duty employees overseas; the spelling out of the present statutory authority on allowances rather than to continue its incorporation by reference, and the addition of the authority for educational allowances; the payment of a \$1,000 death gratuity; the increase in the number of retired officers for whose employment statutory authority is necessary, with the final figure to be determined after further study by the Director of Personnel; the authority to make certain payments in advance now barred by statute; and one technical correction in the present Act.

The Career Council left to the judgment of the General Counsel the question as to whether permanent missing persons legislation should be included in CIA legislation or whether the Agency should prepare to ride on Government-wide legislation. It is the opinion of the General Counsel that the Agency should ride on Government-wide legislation if possible in this instance. The Council also considered the new Government proposals for legislation in the retirement field and felt that while this legislation would be extremely beneficial and should be followed, it would also be necessary to write a retirement standard into CIA legislation. The Council

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instructed that the General Counsel's office should prepare such legislation for the Council meeting on 15 September. It also recommended that in our reply to the Bureau of the Budget on the Government proposals we should seek exemption from the provisions which would require that a roster of CIA employees would in effect be made available to the Social Security Administration in administering certain features of the retirement Act. The Council also directed that legislation for six senior statutory positions, including that of General Counsel, not be included as a part of career service legislation and that these proposals be submitted to the Director with recommendations as to whether legislation is needed and the steps which the Director might wish to take on a policy basis prior to reaching a final decision.

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2. Mr. Lloyd, the Acting DD/S, informed me that a problem has arisen in connection with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] problems involved were considerable. He inquired as to the feasibility of legislation which would permit the Agency to deduct [REDACTED] costs from the employees' checks. I pointed out the security problems which would be entailed by such legislation by the necessity of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I called Mr. Lloyd's attention to H.R. 3112 which would authorize agencies to withhold such payments from the employees' checks upon request and I would explore the possibility of pushing such Government-wide legislation.

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